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SUBJECT: JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FORMED

1. A JOINT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS FORMED BY THE CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 16. IT WILL BE COMPRISED OF THE LEADERSHIP OF BOTH PARTIES. DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF JULIO MOLINA, THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, TO DIRECT THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TOWARD STUDYING REPORTED ABUSES OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ASSIGNED THE NEW BODY WILL BE STUDYING TERRORISM; " THE MOST INHUMAN AND ABOMINABLE CRIME AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. COMMENT: THE EMB ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS HAS EXPRESSED TO TOP GON AUTHORITIES (THE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER), LIBERAL PARTY LEADERS (CONGRESSIONAL PRESIDENT HUECK, SEN. ZAMORA, DIP. SOMOZA) AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS OUR VIEW OF THE BENEFITS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM A PUBLIC CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM THE DEBATE SURROUNDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW JOINT COMMISSION THAT THE SOMOZA REGIME IS NOT YET PREPARED TO USE THE CONGRESS TO UNDERTAKE AN IN-HOUSE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY THE NATIONAL GUARD.
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